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SUBJECT: DEMIREL SAYS SISMIK TO SAIL AUGUST 19

1. PRIMIN DEMIREL TOLD REPORTERS AUGUST 16 THAT THE TURKISH
SEISMIC SHIP SISMIK WOULD RETURN TO THE AEGEAN AUGUST 19.

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TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION (TRT) RADIO BROADCAST AT 1300

HOURS LOCAL AUGUST 17 ANNOUNCED THAT THE SISMİK WOULD DEPART IZMİR AT 2400 HOURS LOCAL AUGUST 18. NEITHER DEMIREL NOR THE TRT ANNOUNCEMENT SPECIFIED IN WHAT REGION THE SISMİK WOULD PROSPECT; HOWEVER, SOME TURKISH PAPERS AUGUST 17 SPECULATED THAT THE NEXT SURVEY PHASE WOULD OCCUR IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS NEAR CRETE.

2. THE TURKISH NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETS AUGUST 17, REPORTEDLY TO DISCUSS THE SİMİK, THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE, AND THE GREEK APPLICATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ).

3. THE AEGEAN DISPUTE RECEDED FROM TOP PROMINENCE IN AUGUST 17 PRESS, BUT CONTINUED GENERATING A VARIETY OF NEWS ITEMS, INCLUDING:

A. ACCORDING TO GUNAYDIN, THE TURKISH AIR FORCE WILL BEGIN EXERCISES IN THE NORTHERN AEGEAN TODAY, AUGUST 17.

B. TERCUMAN REPORTED FROM ATHENS THAT THE GOG CONSIDERS THE NEXT THREE TO FOUR DAYS AS "CRUCIAL" TO THE SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE.

C. MILLİYET'S MEHMET ALİ BİRAND REPORTED FROM ATHENS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD CONCURRED WITH THE GOG'S REQUEST THAT HE NOT ATTEMPT TO MEDIATE. ACCORDING TO BİRAND, THERE NOW IS AGREEMENT TO HOLD SUBSTANTIVE POLITICAL TALKS, BUT TURKEY IS NOT YET NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT THE GOG CONDITION THAT THE SISMİK SUSPEND OPERATIONS.

D. HURRIYET DELIVERED A MILD REBUKE TO FONMIN CAGLAYANGİL AND OTHER SENIOR TURKISH DIPLOMATS AT THE UNSC DEBATES FOR HAVING DINED IN A RESTAURANT OWNED BY A PROMINENT GREEK-AMERICAN.
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